(b) what is the number of persons arrested in this connection; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to check this nefarious smuggling activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) According to the reports received by the Government, the particulars of narcotics seized and the number of persons arrested in Delhi during the months of May and June, 1985 are as under:—

Drug	No. of cases	Qty. seized (in Kgs.)	No. of persons arrested
Opium .	3	8.400	2
Charas .	4	514.775	2
Heroin .	2	19.550	3

(c) A draft for comprehensive legislation on narcotic drugs and pschotropic substances, *inter alia* providing for different punishment to check smuggling of such drugs and substances, is at advanced stage of finalisation for introduction in Parliament.

The field formations remain vigilant to check smuggling including that of narcotics. Appropriate anti-smuggling measures are taken in co-ordination with the concerned Central and State Government authorities. Close co-operation with the concerned international agencies is also maintained to curb smuggling of the drugs;

Rules and Regulations for Permitting Disinvestment of Equity by Foreign Investors

67. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the rules and regulations for permitting disinvestment of equity by a foreign investor other than NRI;

(b) whether these guidelines are available in any pried publication; if so, what is the name thereof; and

(c) if not, what steps Government are taking to make it make it easily available to public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India being the statutory authority, considers proposals under the provisions of FERA, 1973 for disinvestment of equity shares held by the foreign investors on merits. Specific guidelines in this regard have not been issued/published by Government.

Abolition of export duty on Pepper

68. SHRI M.M. JACOB: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the pepper growers regarding abolition of export duty on pepper; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to ensure remunerative price for the pepper growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The pepper prices are continuing to be remunerative to the growers. The situation is kept under constant review.

India's Exports

69. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of rise in India's exports during the last six months; and

(b) what are the names of the countries to which exports have shown a rising trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) According to the provisional trade statistics available from DGCI&S, the exports during October-March, 1984-85 were Rs. 6176. 88 crores, which were 23.7 per cent higher than the corresponding provisional figure of Rs. 4991.73 crores during the period October-March, 1983-84.